New York, New York
September 23, 1975

I, Henry A. Schutz, make the following statement to Special Agent in Charge Philip A. McNiff and Inspector Edgar N. Best, both of whom I know to be officials of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This statement is free and voluntary.

I have been asked to comment on an allegation that Lee Harvey Oswald visited the FBI Dallas Office prior to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963 and left a threatening note.

At the time of the assassination, I was Chief of the General Crimes Unit, Criminal Section, General Investigative Division, which unit had supervisory responsibility over the investigation dealing with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

James Malley, #1 Man to the Assistant Director Alex Rosen, Criminal Division, was dispatched to Dallas, as I recall, immediately after Oswald's murder. James L. Handley, Criminal Section Chief, filled Malley's spot. His #1 Man, Richard Gallagher, handled the operations of the Criminal Section and the personnel in the General Crimes Unit, assisted by others within the section, were assigned to supervisory duties in connection with the assassination. Upon the direction of Alan Belmont, Assistant to the Director, the overall investigation was divided into three parts, the investigation of Oswald prior to the assassination, the assassination itself and that dealing with Ruby's killing of Oswald. Supervisors from the then Domestic Intelligence Division handled the first phase, whereas the Criminal Section handled the latter two stages. Eventually, the Ruby phase was transferred to the Civil Rights Section in the General Investigative Division.

At no time, either prior to November 22, 1963, the period during the assassination investigation or any time subsequent thereto was I aware of Oswald's visit to the Dallas Office prior to the assassination or any

facts surrounding the note described above. I first had knowledge of this incident when I heard a late evening news report on television on August 30, 1975 while in Charlottsville, Virginia.

In addition, I would like to state that at no time was I present when any decision was made or discussion had concerning the destruction of an alleged threatening note left by Oswald in the Dallas Office.

However, I do recall one meeting subsequent to November 24, 1963 and prior to the submission of the initial report to the White House, which was attended by Al Rosen, Jim Handley, myself and possibly one other General Investigative Division representative whose identity I cannot recall, as well as Bill Branigan, possibly Don Moore and other Domestic Intelligence Division representatives. This meeting was held in Assistant to the Director Belmont's office with him and his assistant, Sterling Donahoe, presiding.

We discussed, in general, the progress of the investigation. However, at one point when the discussion turned to the Oswald investigation, Mr. Belmont asked Mr. Rosen and his staff to leave, which we did. I can remember expressing my dissatisfaction at being excluded from this discussion to Mr. Rosen and Jim Handley, since I thought it germane to the overall supervision of the investigation. I had a distinct feeling that Mr. Belmont desired to discuss in private with Domestic Intelligence Division representatives matters of a sensitive nature dealing with their phase of the investigation.

The above remarks are not to imply that I felt the Domestic Intelligence Division and Mr. Belmont were doing anything improper but I am simply referring to a meeting when I thought an unusual procedure was followed. Ray

Ray

I have read this statement, consisting of this and two other pages, and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

HENRY A. SCHUTZ

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 23rd day
of September, 1975.

PHILIP A. MC NIFF,
Special Agent in Charge, FBI, NY

EDGAR B. BEST
Inspector, FBI